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Patrolman Feola Suspended



CLASSIC FORM in discus drill is demonstrated by Craig Langford of the Skippers track team. (Greg Derr photo)

Cohasset Patrolman Randolph Feola, Jr., was suspended with pay by Selectmen last week pending the court disposition of five charges brought against him by Hull Police.

Feola, son of Police Chief Randolph Feola, was charged with driving under the influence, speeding, failing to keep to the right, failing to carry a driver's license and carrying a dangerous weapon. Feola pleaded innocent to the charges at Hingham District Court Tuesday morning.

A pre-trial conference will be held on June 20 with Feola's lawyer, Melvin Lewison of Brockton, and the Hull prosecutor, Patrolman Feola said this week. "My lawyer will say everything for me when the time is right," he added.

Feola was suspended without pay for five days in December, a disciplinary measure handed down by his father for using "poor judgment" in an off-duty motor vehicle complaint by Scituate and Cohasset police. No charges in connection with that incident were brought against Feola.

Feola's current suspension will leave the Police Department short two patrolmen. Selectmen said Chief Feola indicated that he could reschedule his men-

An emergency Selectmen's meeting was held Thursday night so that Selectmen could discuss with Chief Feola the "apparent difficulty" his son is in. After an hour long executive session, Selectmen unanimously voted the suspension.

"There is very little we can do. He's innocent until proven guilty," Selectman Henry Ainslie said. "Even though there are several charges against him, he may be found guilty of some or none. The Selectmen will decide from there," Selectmen Chairman Arthur Clark added.

Reporters at the meeting were de-

nied access to a copy of the charges against Feola issued by the Hull Police Department as Selectmen claimed that the document wasn't public. Town Counsel Blake Thaxter confirmed the legality of their refusal later that week.

"This is the best we could do for him," Selectman Rocco Laugelle said, but speculated that a Civil Service ruling could override future action by the Board. Ainslie said that a possible Civil Service decision would not affect their say in the case.

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Portuguese Tradition

By Roger Leonard

The Azores Archipelago lies in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean between Europe and North America, 7600 miles from Lisbon and 2110 miles from New York. It consists of nine islands — St. Miguel, St. Jorge, Faial, Flores, St. Maria, Graciosa, Terceira, Corvo and Pico.

The islands were discovered by the Portuguese navigator and explorer Frei Goncalo Velho Cabral in 1427. He was a seafarer of Prince Henry, the navigator. Owing to their geographical situation, the Azores were once of paramount importance as a port of call for ships bound for the new world as well as those returning from India. For this reason the islands were continually raided and looted by Moorish, French and English pirates, causing pillage and strife among its population. It wasn't until 1832 a prefecture was established. Soon afterwards, the islands were divided into three political districts annexed to Portugal's dominion. Today it's a province.

Upon Cabral's arrival at Santa Maria, the first island to be discovered, he noticed a profusion of goshawks as he approached the snug harbor. Goshawks swooped again and again near his sails. Thus these islands were named... acor pronounced (a-sohr) which means goshawk.

Unique and rather curious is the subject of Portuguese immigration to the Americas. They did not purchase tickets or crowd steerage quarters aboard passenger vessels. Nor did they have passports processed at Ellis Island, not undergo the human indignity of physical examination to determine whether they were carriers of social or communicable disease. Few were naturalized.

They worked their way across the vastness of the Atlantic Ocean as whaleship recruits or deck hands arriving principally at Gloucester, Nantucket, New Bedford, Provincetown, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and even Brazil. Most did not come from Portugal but the Azores or Western Isles.

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School Committee Appoints Stockbridge By A 3-2 Vote

Charles Stockbridge, an untenured fourth grade teacher at the Deer Hill School, was reappointed for the 1979-1980 school year by the School Committee this week.

The reappointment was approved after motions passed to reconsider and rescind the tie vote of two weeks ago that failed to rehire Stockbridge. Three Committee members — Diana Kornet, Irene Brown and Jack Langmaid — approved the reappointment. Martha Gjestebly and Frank England opposed and Patricia Walsh abstained.

Resident Frederick Gamst read aloud a prepared statement supporting Stockbridge's reappointment and outlining customary procedural "due process" in the evaluation and rehiring of school staff.

"All of Mr. Stockbridge's many evaluations have been consistently uniform and on the highest level that is recommended," the statement said. It further noted that nothing existed in Stockbridge's personnel file to serve as a basis

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Dogs (Owners) Best Friend Officer Barrett

By Judith Epstein

Why on earth would anyone want to be a dog officer? Cohasset Dog Officer Jack Barrett claims it's a labor of love derived from a love of dogs. And people!

It would have to be. According to Barrett, his three years as the town's part-time officer has been spent settling disagreements between people whose dogs have offended someone somehow. The dogs appear to be go-betweens Barrett explained, providing the tangible evidence needed in the way of canine misbehavior to get a full-fledged feud going between neighbors.

There is no bonafide leash law in Cohasset, which complicates matters, Barrett said. The town's bylaw says that no dogs are permitted to run upon public or private property without the express permission of the owner, occupant or custodian of that property. What this means in effect, Barrett said, is that dogs wind up having the run of the land until they disturb someone or

until a complaint comes in.

Complaints go to Barrett usually when a dog bites, barks, howls, messes or in any other way disturbs the peace, safety and quiet of the neighborhood. "The calls come in spurts," Barrett said, attesting that there didn't seem to be a continuous stream of dog problems in Cohasset nor continuous streams of irate telephone complaints.

"Occasionally a call will come in at 2 a.m. about a dog barking," Barrett said, and explained that all he can do at that hour is to have the caller notify the dog's owners if they are home and discourage further late night phone calls.

An official complaint form is required to be filled out when Barrett checks on dog owners to ascertain the problem. If it is a nuisance situation, such as barking or getting into rubbish Barrett will contact the dog's owner to have him correct the dog's misconduct. A

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... His (or her) vote goes to Barrett.